



*JSW*

Docket No.: 0649-0964P  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Toshihiro MORI et al.

Application No.: 10/621,412

Confirmation No.: 2793

Filed: July 18, 2003

Art Unit: 1637

For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING AND  
PURIFYING A NUCLEIC ACID

Examiner: J. Riley

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: FEB - 2 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By *gma ac (390040,064)*

Marc S. Weiner

Registration No.: 32,181

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road

Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attorney for Applicant